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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/841,570	Applicant(s) BOCCADUTRE ET AL.	
	Examiner HADI SHAKERI	Art Unit 3723	

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 October 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3-10 and 12-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 7-10, 14-16, 18 and 23-26 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3-6, 12, 13, 17, 19-22 and 27-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

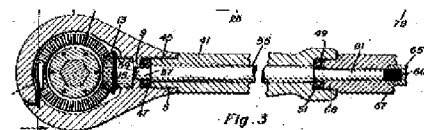
Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on October 31, 2007 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
3. Claims 3 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lampke, US Patent No. 2,808,749.

Lampke as described in the previous Office actions meets all of the limitations of the above claims, including the new recitations, i.e., lever arm having first and second configurations (Figs. 1 and 4); capable of attaching the sleeve to another sleeve for forming different length lever arm (Fig. 3, sleeve attachment devices, threaded sockets 5, male and 49, female).



Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

5. Claims 4 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lampke.

Lampke meets the limitations of claims 4 and 6 except for disclosing an extension and a shaft having a length between 6 to thirty inches, and for disclosing the range or a specific size of the plurality of extensions; obvious modification to one of ordinary skill in the art dependent on work-piece/operational parameters as indicated in previous Office actions.

6. Claims 12, 13, 17, 19-22 and 27-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lampke in view of Hendrickson.

Lampke meet the limitations of the above claims, e.g., in Fig. 3, handle (63); handle drive shaft (65); handle sleeve mounting collar (68); extension sleeve (41) with first end formed with an interface collar (49) attached to mounting collar (68) and second end formed as in interface thread (45); extension shaft (55) having first end (61) and second end (47) disposed parallel and centered to the extension sleeve; shaft drive tang (57); ratchet head having a socket mount (33) and a threaded collar (5) attached to the sleeve interface thread (45); head drive shaft (15) connected to shaft drive tang (57); wherein the shaft is unsupported apart from the support (including bearings) furnished by the drive shaft and extension shaft and by the ratchet head to the extension shaft; and wherein the handle is directly attachable to the head (Fig. 5);

except for disclosing an air power wrench and for disclosing a drive socket attached to the first end of the extension shaft and connected to the drive shaft (65) protruding from the handle (63). Hendrickson teaches connecting the drive shaft to the handle and to the head using corresponding socket and boss means.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use a pneumatic wrench and socket and boss connection means as taught by Hendrickson, 04:56 in adapting the invention for application requiring pneumatic drive and in ease of assembly/production.

Lampke in view of Hendrickson meets the limitations of claim 13, e.g., the types of connections having similar constructions between the head and the handle.

Lampke modified by Hendrickson as described meets all of the limitations of claims 17, 19-22 and 33-35, e.g., no contact between the shaft and the sleeve.

With regards to claims 27 and 32, Lampke modified by Hendrickson meets all of the limitations except for not using bearings; however eliminating the bearings, to save manufacturing costs, would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hadi Shakeri whose telephone number is 571-272-4495. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph J. Hail, III can be reached on 571-272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Hadi Shakeri/
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